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In re Application of: Hillman et al.

Title: NOVEL HUMAN INTEGRAL MEMBRANE PROTEIN

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated April 14, 2000 (Office Action), the period of time for response having been extended until August 14, 2000, by the accompanying Petition and fee, Applicants request reconsideration of the above-referenced patent application in view of the following amendments and remarks.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claim 11 as indicated below. For the Examiner's convenience, the non-amended pending claims are also listed below.

1. (Reiterated.) A substantially purified polypeptide comprising an amino acid sequence selected from the group consisting of:

- a) an amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:1,
- b) a naturally occurring amino acid sequence having at least 90% sequence identity